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RECEIPT OF SPANISH-BUILT FRIGATE IN MOROCCO  
CASABLANCA NAVAL BASE AND HEADQUARTERS, MOROCCO (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: A SPANISH-BUILT, DESCUBIERTA-CLASS FRIGATE HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO MOROCCO. THIS IS THE FIRST VESSEL OF THIS TYPE EXPORTED BY SPAIN AND IS THE FIRST FRIGATE TO BE ADDED TO THE MOROCCAN NAVY. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: A DESCUBIERTA-CLASS MOROCCAN FRIGATE (PENNANT NO. 501) WAS OBSERVED AT CASABLANCA NAVAL BASE A HQ ON IMAGERY OF [REDACTED] THE FRIGATE WAS EQUIPPED WITH FOUR EXOCET LAUNCH CANISTERS BEHIND THE SHIP'S SUPERSTRUCTURE. FOURTEEN PROBABLE EXOCET LAUNCH CANISTERS WERE ALSO ON THE MOLE NEAR THE SHIP. (SWN) 25X1

COLLATERAL INFORMATION INDICATED THAT THE FRIGATE, THE LT. COL. ARHAMMANI, VISITED MARSEILLE, FRANCE, DURING AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. AT THAT TIME 14 MM-38 EXOCET MISSILES WERE REPORTEDLY LOADED ONTO THE SHIP. (C)

ANALYST'S COMMENTS: THE ACQUISITION OF THIS EXOCET-EQUIPPED FRIGATE WILL SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE MOROCCO'S ABILITY TO DEFEND ITS COASTAL WATERS. OTHER MOROCCAN SURFACE COMBATANTS (NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC) INCLUDED FOUR CORMORAN-CLASS PTG, TWO PR-72 - CLASS PG, SEVERAL PATROL BOATS OF VARIOUS SIZES, AND THREE BATRAL-CLASS LSM. (SWN) [REDACTED] 25X1

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 33-36-37N 007-36-50W (S) 25X1
4. COLLATERAL REFERENCE: USDAO RABAT, 121516Z SEP 83, FRANCE SELLS EXOCET MISSILES MODEL M-38 TO MOROCCO. (C)

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